

REMARKS

Claims 16-34 are pending in the application.

Claims 17-23 and 2-33 are allowed. Claims 16, 24 and 34 are rejected.

Claims 16 and 34 have been amended to clarify applicant's claimed invention. The claims now specify what was inherently presented in the prior claims.

In claim 16 the "channel frame" has been changed to "channel data." The wording "channel data" is supported, for example, on page 27 of the original specification (col. 14 of US 6,118,795). No new matter is entered.

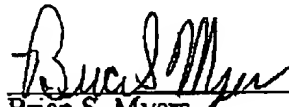
Claims 16 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The "channel frame" has been changed and clarified. It is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn and claims 16 and 24 be allowed.

The allowability of claim 34 was withdrawn and is now rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Uematsu et al. The Uematsu et al. reference was previously cited against claim 16. Although claims 16 and 24 are different, claim 34 was clarified to specifically include similar features of claim 16. Claim 34 includes distinguishing features over the prior art and it is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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